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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURES EXAMINING  
GROUP 1723**

PATENT  
0179-0175P

*IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

Applicant: Michael COLLASIUS et al      Conf. No.: 1409  
Appl. No.: 09/963,602      Group: 1723  
Filed: September 27, 2001      Examiner: D. REIFSNYDER  
For: DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY FILTERING UNDER REDUCED  
PRESSURE AND FOR VACUUM DRYING SAMPLE LIQUIDS OR  
DROPS OF SAMPLE LIQUIDS AS WELL AS USE OF SAID  
DEVICE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312 AND COMMENTS ON  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

June 17, 2004

**MS ISSUE FEE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 26, 2004, which was a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability, the following amendments and comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.

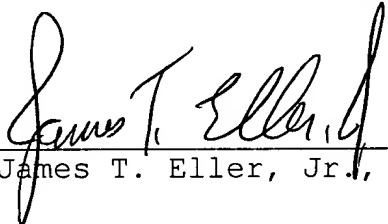



- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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